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*To the Chairman and Members of the Urban District Council
of Hexham :—*

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1949.

During the year, 127 live births and 158 deaths, including 5 children under 1 year of age, occurred in the area. These figures give a live birth rate of 13.9 per 1,000 of the estimated population, a general death rate of 17.3 per 1,000 of the estimated population and an infant mortality rate of 39.4 per 1,000 live births.

These figures show that there has been a drop in the birth rate and a rise in the general death and infant mortality rates and that, with the exception of the latter, they follow the National trend. In considering these rates, however, it must be borne in mind that they are based on comparatively small figures and in consequence, can be misleading.

It is of interest to note that of the 158 deaths, more than half were of persons over 70 years of age and two-thirds of the deaths were due to cancer and diseases of the circulatory system. Of the five deaths of infants under one year of age, 4 were due to congenital malformation or the hazards of birth.

During the year, 119 cases of notifiable diseases were notified. Outstanding among these, were 9 cases of acute poliomyelitis compared with 1 for last year, 12 cases of tuberculosis compared with 11 for last year and 59 cases of food poisoning. The cases of food poisoning were all related to an outbreak which occurred during the month of May and which was caused by artificial cream infected with salmonella typhi-murium. The active co-operation of all concerned, rapidly brought the outbreak under control.

The water supply continued as in previous years and bacteriological examinations carried out proved satisfactory. For the greater part of the year, water was piped direct from source to consumer and was satisfactory in quantity. From June to October, however, it was found necessary to pump, sand filter and chlorinate surface water from Rowley Burn to supplement the supply.

Of the dwelling houses in the district 40 are supplied by means of stand pipes and the remainder by a piped supply direct to the houses.

Sewage disposal facilities are unchanged and sewage from the town continues to be treated by three sewage works. Treatment is still not as complete as is desirable but repairs and modifications are being carried out to improve the efficiency of these works.

In conclusion may I express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Committees for the great interest they have shown in the work of my department and for their unfailing support during the year.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
J. H. MAUGHAN,
Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area in Acres	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,926
Estimated Population	...	...	...	...	...	...	9,120

Vital Statistics.

BIRTHS.

LIVE BIRTHS.			M.		F.		TOTAL.
Legitimate	...	...	61	...	59	...	120
Illegitimate	...	...	3	...	4	...	7
							<hr/> 127 <hr/>

STILL BIRTHS.			M.		F.		TOTAL.
Legitimate	...	...	2	...	2	...	4
Illegitimate	...	...	—	...	—	...	—
							<hr/> 4 <hr/>

Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated population	...						13.9
Total (Live and Still) Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population	...	...	...	...	...	...	14.4

DEATHS.

Deaths from Puerperal Causes.

Puer. and post-abortion-sepsis	...	...	...	...	Nil
Other maternal causes	...	...	...	...	Nil

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age.

All Infants per 1,000 Live Births	...	...			39.4
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births	...	...	...	...	33.3
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births	...	...	...	...	142.8
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	...	...	...		26
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	...	...	...		Nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	...	...	...		Nil
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	...	...	...		Nil
Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated population (all causes and all ages)	...	...	...	...	17.3

The following Tables classifies deaths according to their age groups and as to their certification :—

	CERTIFIED		UNCERTIFIED	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
0—1	2	2	1	—
1—2	—	—	—	—
2—5	—	—	1	—
5—15	—	—	—	—
15—25	—	—	—	—
25—45	3	3	1	—
45—50	3	4	—	—
50—55	3	2	—	—
55—60	6	5	—	1
60—65	13	6	—	—
65—70	10	9	—	1
70—75	8	14	—	—
75—80	13	11	1	—
80—85	5	15	—	—
85—90	4	9	1	—
90—95	—	—	—	—
95—100	—	1	—	—
	70	81	5	2

The chief causes of death are as follows :—

	M.	F.
Typhoid and Parat. Fevers	—	—
Cerebro-spinal Fever	—	—
Scarlet Fever	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	—
Diphtheria	—	—
Tub. of resp. system	1	—
Other forms of Tuberculosis	—	—
Syphilitic Diseases	—	—
Influenza	—	—
Measles	—	—
Ac. polio-myel. and polio-enceph	—	—
Ac. inf. enceph	1	1
Cancer of b. cav. and oesoph (M) uterus (F)	—	1
Cancer of stomach and duodenum	4	2
Cancer of breast	—	2
Cancer of all other sites	10	7
Diabetes	—	1
Intra-cran. vasc. lesions	6	14
Heart diseases	30	23
Other dis. of circ. system	4	3
Bronchitis	2	4
Pneumonia	—	3
Other resp. dis.	3	1
Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	1	—
Diarrhoea under 2 years	—	—
Appendicitis	—	—
Other digestive dis.	—	2
Nephritis	4	5
Puer. and post-abort. sepsis	—	—
Other maternal causes	—	—
Premature birth	1	—
Con. mal. birth inj. infant dis.	2	2
Suicide	—	—
Road Traffic Accident	—	—
Other violent causes	1	4
All other causes	5	8
	75	83
TOTAL	158	

INFANT MORTALITY DURING YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1949.

Nett Deaths from stated Causes at various Ages under 1 Year.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	Under 1 wk.	1—2 wks.	2—3 wks.	3—4 wks.	Total under 1 mth	1—3 mths.	3—6 mths.	6—9 mths.	9—12 mths.	Total Deaths under 1 yr.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Smallpox ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria and Croup ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pul. Tuberculosis ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tuberculosis Meningitis ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Abdominal Tuberculosis ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Tuberculosis Diseases ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Meningitis (not Tuberculosis)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bronchitis ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia (all forms)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Diarrhoea ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Congenital Malformation ...	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	1
Premature Birth ...	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Marasmus ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Atelectasis ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Injury at birth ...	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Appendicitis ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Causes ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All causes { Certified ...	3	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	1	1
{ Uncertified ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
GRAND TOTALS ...	3	—	—	—	3	—	1	—	1	2

VITAL & MORTALITY STATISTICS.

Year	Birth Rate	Death Rate	Infant Mortality Rate
1929	17.5	16.1	114.0
1930	17.4	11.5	67.0
1931	17.7	13.7	44.8
1932	14.9	13.1	112.8
1933	12.4	14.4	62.5
1934	13.9	12.5	88.7
1935	13.7	12.3	80.6
1936	16.6	13.4	59.6
1937	13.2	15.8	132.2
1938	14.0	13.5	47.2
1939	12.1	15.6	36.6
1940	12.8	13.4	43.4
1941	12.6	13.3	93.9
1942	11.9	12.9	64.5
1943	13.2	12.8	50.7
1944	14.0	13.6	37.5
1945	13.2	11.8	15.4
1946	16.6	12.4	18.5
1947	18.5	14.3	54.9
1948	17.7	12.2	12.4
1949	13.9	17.3	39.4

BIRTH-RATE, DEATH-RATE, AND ANALYSIS OF MORTALITY DURING THE YEAR 1949.

	Rate per 1,000 total Population		Annual Death-rate per 1,000 Population								Rate per 1,000 Live Births		
	Live Births	Still Births	All Causes	Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers.	Whooping Cough	Diphtheria	Tuberculosis	Influenza	Smallpox	Acute Polio-myelitis & Polio-encephalitis	Pneumonia	Diarrhoea & Enteritis (under 2 years)	Total Deaths under one year
England and Wales ...	16.7	0.39	11.7	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.45	0.15	0.00	0.01	0.51	3.0	32
126 County Boroughs & Great Towns, including London ...	18.7	0.47	12.5	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.52	0.15	0.00	0.02	0.56	3.8	37
148 Smaller Towns (estimated Resident Populations 25,000 to 50,000 at Census 1931)	18.0	0.40	11.6	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.42	0.14	—	0.02	0.49	2.4	30
London Adm. County	18.5	0.37	12.2	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.52	0.11	—	0.01	0.59	1.7	29
Hexham U.D. ...	13.9	0.43	17.3	—	—	—	0.11	—	—	—	0.33	—	39.4

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED (other than Tuberculosis) DURING THE YEAR 1949.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE.	At all Ages.	Under 1.	1 to 2.	2 to 5.	5 to 15.	15 to 25.	25 to 45.	45 to 65.	65 & upward
Scarlet Fever ...	12	—	—	2	8	1	—	1	—
Whooping Cough ...	7	—	—	1	6	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles ...	8	—	—	2	3	1	2	—	—
Pneumonia ...	10	—	—	—	4	1	—	3	2
Cerebro-spinal Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute poliomyelitis	9	—	—	2	2	4	1	—	—
Acute polioencephalitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute polioencephalitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lethargica ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Smallpox ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Paratyphoid Fever	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Typhoid Fever	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Erysipelas ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Food Poisoning ...	59	—	5	2	19	4	15	7	7
TOTALS ...	107	—	5	9	43	11	19	11	9

INFECTIOUS DISEASES, 1929-1949.

Year.	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Diphtheria	Measles	Ac. Pneumonia	Cerebrospinal Fever	Acute Polio-myelitis	Acute Polio-encephalitis	Acute Encephalitis Lethargica	Dysentery	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Puerperal Pyrexia	Smallpox	Paratyphoid Fevers	Enteric or Typhoid Fever	Erysipelas	Food Poisoning
1929	17	—	3	—	21	—	—	—	4	—	—	2	8	—	—	6	—
1930	20	—	3	—	8	—	—	—	—	10	—	1	—	—	—	10	—
1931	12	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
1932	4	—	1	—	8	—	—	—	—	6	—	1	—	—	—	10	—
1933	10	—	2	—	38	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	4	—
1934	56	—	2	—	8	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	9	—
1935	57	—	20	—	9	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	11	—
1936	117	—	17	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	10	—
1937	10	—	2	—	21	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—
1938	32	—	5	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	6	—
1939	25	—	1	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—
1940	11	—	10	212	10	12	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	4	—
1941	20	39	80	46	14	4	—	—	—	3	—	1	—	—	—	1	—
1942	12	1	15	6	39	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
1943	17	7	3	116	18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
1944	18	1	17	—	5	1	—	—	—	3	—	2	—	—	—	1	—
1945	34	—	1	8	7	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
1946	7	24	1	93	7	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
1947	6	18	1	29	5	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	—
1948	7	31	—	60	4	4	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
1949	12	7	—	8	10	—	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	59

TUBERCULOSIS.—New cases and Mortality during 1949 :—

Age periods	New Cases				Nett Deaths in Hexham Urban District			
	Pulmonary		Non. Pulm.		Pulmonary		Non. Pulm.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0—1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1—5	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
5—15	—	2	—	2	—	—	—	—
15—25	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
25—35	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—
35—45	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45—55	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55—65	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 & over	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	4	2	2	4	1	—	—	—

	Cases Notified	Deaths
Gilesgate Ward	3	—
Leazes Ward	1	—
Priestpottle Ward	7	1
Hencotes Ward	1	—
	12	1

**FOOD POISONING NOTIFICATIONS (CORRECTED)
RETURNED TO REGISTRAR GENERAL.**

1ST QTR.	2ND QTR.	3RD QTR.	4TH QTR.	TOTAL
Nil	59	Nil	Nil	59

OUTBREAKS DUE TO IDENTIFIED AGENTS.

Total Outbreaks—1. Total cases—59. Total deaths—Nil.

OUTBREAKS DUE TO :—

(a) Chemical Poisons	...	...	...	Nil
(b) Salmonella Organisms	...	...	...	1
(c) Staphylococci (including toxin)	...	...	...	Nil
(d) Cl. botulinum	...	...	...	Nil
(e) Other bacteria	...	...	...	Nil

OUTBREAKS OF UNDISCOVERED CAUSE.

Total Outbreaks—Nil. Total cases—Nil. Total deaths—Nil.

SINGLE CASES.

Agent identified—Nil. Unknown cause—Nil. Total—Nil.

HEALTH SERVICES OF THE AREA.

1. Hospitals.

There are in the district two hospitals, namely the Hexham General Hospital and the Hexham War Memorial Hospital under the management of the Hexham and District Hospital Management Committee. These hospitals together with others in the area under the Hexham and District Hospital Management Committee and the Newcastle group of hospitals are available to cases from the area.

Cases of infectious diseases requiring admission to hospital are referred to the City Hospital for Infectious Diseases, Newcastle upon Tyne.

2. Ambulance Service.

The British Red Cross acting as agents for the Northumberland County Council provide an ambulance service which serves the district. An ambulance station is situated at West Orchard, Hexham.

3. Home Help Service.

The Northumberland County Council Home Help Service is in operation in the district. Home Helps are available to householders where such help is required owing to illness or confinement and their services are obtained through the office of the West Area Health Sub-Committee.

4. Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics.

The following Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics are held in the district :—

CHILD WELFARE CLINIC :—Hexham General Hospital,
Friday, 10 a.m.—4 p.m.

ANTE-NATAL CLINIC :—Hexham General Hospital,
first three Wednesdays in every month, 1-30 p.m.—
4 p.m.

5. Midwifery and Home Nursing Service.

These services are now administered by the Northumberland County Council and in this district are combined. There are two Nurse Midwives working in the Hexham Urban District.

Report of the Sanitary Inspector

(HUGH MITCHELL).

INSPECTIONS AND VISITS.

Factories, Inspections and Revisits	...	...	...	...	...	124
Farms, Dairies, Milk Shops	...	...	...	...	...	115
Common Lodging Houses	...	...	...	...	...	11
Disinfestation of Rats and Mice	...	...	...	...	...	324
Drainage, Choked	...	...	...	...	...	23
„ Reconstructed	...	...	...	...	...	20
„ New Works	...	...	...	...	...	55
Sanitary Conveniences	...	...	...	...	...	35
Houses Inspected (including Public Health)	...	...	...	...	...	113
„ „ (Revisits)	...	...	...	...	...	167
„ Filthy and Revisits	...	...	...	...	...	10
„ Verminous and Revisits	...	...	...	...	...	25
House to House Inspections and Revisits	...	...	...	...	...	8
Water Supply	...	...	...	...	...	39
Moveable Dwellings	...	...	...	...	...	12
Slaughter Houses and Knackers' Yards	...	...	...	...	...	435
Shops, Foodstores, Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	310
Markets and Marts	...	...	...	...	...	23
Keeping of Animals	...	...	...	...	...	8
Infectious Diseases Visits and Revisits	...	...	...	...	...	42
Smoke Nuisances	...	...	...	...	...	37
Other Public Health Visits and Nuisances	...	...	...	...	...	20
TOTAL						1,956

SUMMARY OF WORK EFFECTED.

	Hexham Urban District.	By Informal Action	After Statutory Notice	Total
Sanitary Conveniences	Privies abolished... ..	—	—	—
	„ repaired	—	—	—
	Privy ashpits abolished	—	—	—
	„ „ roofed or repaired	—	—	—
	Pail-closets abolished	—	—	—
	Water closets provided	14	—	14
	„ „ repaired	11	—	11
	Sanitary bins provided	94	—	94
	„ „ renewed	50	—	50
Drainage	New drains constructed	26	—	26
	Drains repaired or reconstructed	19	—	19
	Additional gullies provided	19	—	19
	Old gullies replaced	4	—	4
	Scullery sinks provided	5	—	5
	„ waste pipes repaired	5	—	5
	„ „ trapped	1	—	1
	Yards repaired or reconstructed	2	—	2
Water supply	Sources closed or discontinued Nil No. of houses affected Nil			
	New Service provided :—			
	(a) By Local Authority	87	No. of houses	87
	(b) By Private Owner	7	No. of houses	7
	Number of Dwelling Houses supplied by :—			
	(a) Internal Tap or ... ..	...	...	94
	(b) Standpipe ... ..	...	...	Nil

CARCASSES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

	Cattle, exclg. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed (if known)	1313	277	120	4742	98
Number inspected ...	1313	277	120	4742	98
<i>All diseases except Tuberculosis—</i>					
Whole carcasses con- demned	14	26	13	45	3
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	704	151	12	300	21
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tubercul- osis	54.6	63.8	20.8	7.2	24.4
<i>Tuberculosis only—</i>					
Whole carcasses con- demned	12	28	1	—	3
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	104	60	2	—	5
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuber- culosis	8.8	31.7	2.5	—	8.1

FOOD INSPECTION.

UNSOUND FOOD					Surrendered	Seized	Legal Pro-ceedings
					sts. lbs.		
1.	Beef (Home-killed)...	...	...	...	5,541 2	Nil	Nil
2.	„ (Imported)	...	...	...	15 2	—	—
3.	Mutton (Home-killed)	...	...	...	379 13	—	—
4.	„ (Imported)	...	...	...	Nil	—	—
5.	Pork	...	...	...	94 12	—	—
6.	Game...	...	...	...	Nil	—	—
7.	Poultry	...	...	...	Nil	—	—
					lbs. ozs.		
8.	Fish ...	...	...	...	140 0	—	—
9.	Fruit ...	...	...	...	13 4	—	—
10.	Canned goods	...	...	...	2,419 11	—	—
11.	Bacon	...	...	...	51 0	—	—
12.	Cheese	...	...	...	17 4	—	—
13.	Butter	...	...	...	Nil	—	—
14.	Lard	...	...	...	Nil	—	—
15.	Eggs	...	...	...	Nil	—	—
16.	Other foods	...	...	...	381 9	—	—
TOTAL ... 6,246 st. 13 lbs. 12 ozs.							

SUMMARY OF UNSOUND MEAT AND OFFAL.

	Tuberculosis	Other Diseases	Total
	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
Cows ...	17,679	23,188	40,867
Other Animals...	12,762	30,806	43,568
TOTAL ...	30,441	53,994	84,435

NUMBER OF ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED AT THE ABATTOIR.

Beasts	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
1,590	120	4,742	98	6,550

FACTORIES ACTS 1937 and 1948.

INSPECTIONS (including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspector).

PREMISES	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(I) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities... ..	31	47	4	—
(II) Factories not included in (I) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority... ..	52	77	4	—
(III) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding Outworkers Premises)	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	83	124	8	—

CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

PARTICULARS	Number of Cases in which Defects were Found				
	Found	Remedied	Referred		No. of cases Pro- secutions instituted.
			To H.M.I.	By H.M.I.	
Want of Cleanliness	10	9	—	1	—
Overcrowding	—	1	—	—	—
Unreasonable Temperature ...	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate Ventilation	2	2	—	1	—
Ineffective Drainage of Floors ...	1	1	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences—					
(a) Insufficient	7	7	—	2	—
(b) Unsuitable or Defective ...	1	1	—	—	—
(c) Not Separate for Sexes ...	1	—	—	—	—
Other Offences (not including Offences relating to Outwork)	—	2	—	1	—
TOTAL	25	22	—	5	—

HOUSING.

HOUSES ERECTED DURING THE YEAR 1949.

	With State Assistance	Unaided	TOTAL
(a) By Local Authority	87	—	87
(b) By other Bodies or Persons	—	7	7

1.—Inspection of Dwellinghouses during the Year :

(1) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	113
(2) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous as to be unfit for human habitation	Nil
(3) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ...	33

2.—Remedy of Defects without Service of Formal Notices :

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by Local Authority or its officers	36
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3.—Action under Statutory Powers :

(A) *Proceedings under Sections 9, 10, and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :*

(1) No. of dwelling houses in respect of which " notices " were served requiring repairs ...	Nil
(2) No. of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices—	
(a) By owners	Nil
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners —	Nil

(B) *Proceedings under Public Health Acts :*

(1) No. of dwelling houses in respect of which " notices " were served requiring defects to be remedied	Nil
(2) No. of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—	
(a) By owners	1
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ...	Nil

(C) *Proceedings under Sections 11 and 12 of Housing Act, 1936 :*

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	Nil
(2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	Nil

(D) *Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:*

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	Nil
(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	Nil

4.—Number of houses permanently discontinued as dwellings and not included above

HOUSING ACT, 1949 (Sec. 20).

(a) Number of separate Dwelling Houses in respect of which application for grant has been received... ..	1
(b) Number of separate Dwelling Houses in respect of which applications for grant have been approved	Nil

MILK AND DAIRIES ORDER, 1926.

Section 6 (1) and (4).

(As at 1st October, 1949).

Number of Cowkeepers (registered) in district	...	30
Approximate number of cows kept	... ..	560

THE MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) ORDER,
1936 and 1946

AND

(A) THE MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATION) (PASTEURISED AND
STERILISED MILK) REGULATIONS, 1949.

Dealers Licences granted (Pasteurised)	... ..	3
Dealers Licences granted (Tuberculin Tested and Pasteurised)	... ..	3

(B) THE MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATION) (RAW MILK)
REGULATIONS, 1949.

Dealers Licences granted	... ..	3
Supplementary Licences granted	... ..	1

MILK SAMPLES.

Number collected :—

(a) For Methylene Blue Test	... ..	56
(b) For Biological Report	... ..	20

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT, 1933.

Renewals of Licence to Slaughter	... ..	12
New Licences Granted	... ..	2

RATS AND MICE DESTRUCTION ACT, 1919.

Administered by the Urban District Council of Hexham (with their consent) under delegated powers by resolution of the County Council of Northumberland.

Surface Treatments, Number of Rats killed	... ..	8,918
Sewer Treatment, Number of Rats killed	... ..	380
TOTAL	... ..	9,298

DISINFECTION.

Scarlet Fever (Premises)	... ..	8
Para-typhoid (Premises)	... ..	1
Polio-Myelitis (Premises and Dormitories)	... ..	7
Other Cases	... ..	3
Bedding Destroyed (by request)	... ..	Lots 2
Bedding Steam Disinfected	... ..	Lots 5

